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INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, TH

SUBJ: CIVAIR: CONFESSION OF SABOTAGE

REF: STATE 25686 (NOTAL)

1. GOBIND RAM DANG TODAY (FEB 5) SIGNED DETAILED STATEMENT, WITNESSED BY TWO SENIOR THAI POLICE OFFICERS AND SWORN TO BEFORE U.S. CONSUL, THAT HE DELIBERATELY SET FIRE ABOARD PAA 001 FEB 3. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS FOLLOW AS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH BY THAI POLICE:

"I OPENED MY SCOTCH BOTTLE AND POURED THE PETROL INTO THE TOILET BOWL AND SPLASHED IT ALL OVER THE LAVATORY. THEN I OPENED ONE OF THE BUTANE CAN BREAKING THE FILLER NEEDLE WITH MY TEETH AND THE FUMES AUTOMATICALLY SPRAYED ALL OVER. I IMMEDIATELY LEFT THE LAVATORY 'R' AND WENT TO LAVATORY 'Q'. I ALMOST DID THE SAME THING IN LAVATORY 'Q' AND THE BUTANE GAS ALSO SPRAYED ALL OVER MY SUIT. THEN I TOOK THE BOX OF MATCHES AND STRUCK A MATCH STICK AND IMMEDIATELY AN EXPLOSION AND FLAME OCCURRED. ALL THIS VZGP I WAS

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STILL IN LAVATORY 'Q'. WITHIN SECOND I FOUND MYSELF

STANDING OUTSIDE THE DOOR OF LAVATORY 'Q' AND MY CLOTHES
WAS ON FIRE."

"I PLANNED ALL OF THIS IN HONG KONG BEFORE I CHECKED
IN AT THE PAN AM COUNTER.

"I PLANNED THIS BECAUSE OF THE INSURANCE MONEY FOR
MY CHILDREN AND THIS IS THE ONLY MOTIVE."

2. DANG WHO READS AND SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY IS IN CUSTODY
OF THAI IMMIGRATION SERVICE. DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION,
OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO BE HELPFUL, TOLD US THAT IF INDIAN
EMBASSY INTERCEDES ON BEHALF OF DANG IT WILL BE DIFFICULT,
BECAUSE OF JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES, FOR THAI AUTHORITIES TO
RETAIN HIM IN CUSTODY. IMMIGRATION DIRECTOR SUGGESTS WE TRY
TO GET INDIAN EMBASSY TO CANCEL DANG'S PASSPORT, WHICH HE
SAYS WOULD PERMIT IMMIGRATION TO HOLD DANG FOR REASONABLE
PERIOD.

3. PAN AM REP HERE HAS RECEIVED AUTHORITY FROM NEW YORK
HEADQUARTERS TO SIGN CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AGAINST DANG.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE ASAP ON PROVISIONAL ARREST CITED
REFTEL.
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